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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: Computers for Israel OSD 3.3(b)(4), (5)

Last June and October export licenses were granted by your departments for two CDC 6400 computers and one IBM 360/65 computer for Israel. One CDC 6400 and the 360/65 were for the Ministry of Defense, and one CDC 6400 for the Hebrew University. These are very powerful computers of major strategic significance. The CDC 6400 in particular is a critical tool in the development of nuclear weapons.

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We have strong intelligence indications that

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The computers for which licenses have been granted — two of which have already been shipped — will aid them materially in this endeavor. It is, of course, the policy of the U.S. Government to oppose Israel's developing nuclear weapons, and it is my recommendation that the as yet undelivered CDC 6400 and the peripherals for it not be released to Israel.

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I urge we jointly review the present procedures to make sure that Defense and the AEC do in fact have the opportunity for prior consultation on such matters.

OSD 3.3(b)(4)(5)

Signed
DAVID PACKARD

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